

Montréal bar accused of racist policy

by Joyce Lombardi

A group of black women who were denied service at a LaSalle bar claim to have been victims of racism.

The women approached a bar in Disco Bar L'Azure on Ladies' Night last Thursday and were told the bar was closed, said Susan Perch, one of the women in the group.

"But then we saw that they were serving white people at the bar we had just been turned away from, so we turned back for service," Perch said. "After the bartender dodged us for twenty minutes I asked him if he was ignoring us because we were black."

"He said, 'Yes. My boss told me not to serve black girls because they steal purses. Don't ask questions. I just can't do it.' I couldn't believe it. We were so insulted."

Perch said a light-skinned black woman in her group was served promptly.

The bartender told Perch she could speak to the boss later, but he never appeared.

The manager of the bar denied her claims.

"We are not racist here," said Robert Giguère. He said the bartender refused service to Perch and her friends because the women had been impolite, not because they were black.

Giguère said he has instructed the bartenders to refuse service to rude customers, but not to black customers.

"Especially during the Ladies' Night special, people crowd around the bar, trying to get as many free drinks as they can before eleven o'clock. The customers who are seated at the bar get priority, then the polite customers who are standing."

"(Perch and her friends) never said 'thank you' after the first round of drinks, and they kept demanding more and more."

Perch said she and her friends never received a first round of drinks because they were immediately denied service at the bar.

"I'm never impolite. I'm too old for that garbage. When the man told us he couldn't serve us because we were black, I thought he was joking. I told him I wasn't there to start trouble, all I wanted was a beer. He refused."

The women had to go to the

second bar for service.

Giguère said there are several black regulars among the mainly white francophone clientele, and all customers are treated equally.

"Everyone gets the same treatment. To say that a white person or even a light black person gets better service is crazy."

Giguère has contacted his lawyer to defend himself against what he considers "a violation of human rights, to be falsely accused of something like that."

He added that thefts frequently occur on Ladies' Night, and of the seven women caught so far, six are black.

"All seven of those women were banned from the club, but we have never refused anyone service because of them. That's ridiculous."

Perch is considering filing a complaint with the Human Rights Commission.

"This was our third time at L'Azure, and we'd never had any trouble before. Suddenly after the thefts, they decided all black people are the same."

"But this is not the '60s, this is 1989 and blacks aren't going to stand for this shit anymore."

Black tenant complains of harassment

by Corinna Duffitt

Community group Project Genesis has filed a complaint with the Québec Human Rights Commission (QHRC) against a superintendent who they say forced a black man out of his Côte des Neiges area apartment.

The man told social workers at Project Genesis the superintendent at his Côte des Neiges area building had complained that he had too many "black friends" visiting, and often insulted and embarrassed him. The man found the situation unlivable and moved out.

Project Genesis organizers decided to investigate. Social workers formed three teams to visit the apartment in December—one black, one white and one Jewish.

They filed the complaint after the superintendent refused to rent

Daily photo: Raina Susnick



Police officer allegedly assaulted baby

Student charged after slapping cop

by Heidi Modro

MONTREAL (CUP): A Concordia student will appear in municipal court for slapping an MUC police officer who allegedly slammed the door on her baby and knocked him to the floor last year.

Second-year fine arts student Mirjam Castelijns was charged with assaulting a Station 32 police officer on May 12, 1988, at a Duluth Street art gallery.

an apartment to the black team—he had offered the same apartment to the 'white team' a half an hour earlier.

"The superintendent was questioned," Project Genesis social worker Linton Garner said. "[He] was polite but guarded, and said the responsibility for renting apartments was the landlord's."

The team later arranged a meeting, but the landlord did not show up.

Hearing dates for the investigation have not been set.

The commission received 91 complaints in 1987, 15 were complaints of racism.

"Discrimination is often hard to prove because landlords often cover up, behind concierges, or say this is not their policy," Garner said.

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According to Castelijns, the police officer entered Galerie Fokus while she and the baby's father, Ebbe Weizfeld, were working. The plain-clothed officer told Weizfeld that a sidewalk ceramic art display outside the gallery contravened a municipal by-law and asked him to bring the table in.

Weizfeld agreed and searched for a screw-driver to dismantle the table after the officer left. The police officer "stormed back" into the gallery a few minutes later with his partner and scolded the couple for not having removed the table, Castelijns said.

As the officer pushed his way in through the door, he knocked Castelijns's 22-month-old son, Celie, to the ground. She said she slapped the police officer when he grabbed her arms and pushed her.

"I had become so upset with the cops because they had pushed the door open and made my baby fall to the floor that I slapped one of the cops," she said.

Then both officers pulled Castelijns onto the sidewalk, handcuffed her and placed her under arrest.

She was held at Station 32 for two hours, "in an isolation cell that was very dirty with blood stains on the walls, floor and door."

Castelijns's lawyer, Bill Hartzog, said it was not necessary for the police to bring her to the station.

"Police are only supposed to arrest someone if it's necessary to identify the person, if there is a danger of the person repeating the same offense, or if there is a warrant out for that person. In this case there was no reason to take her to the station for either reason," he said.

If proven guilty, Castelijns could

face a maximum of six months in jail or a \$2000 fine.

"I would like the judge to see the full context in which the incident took place," he said. "My client maintains the police came in abusively. This brings up the whole matter of what exactly police powers are and what limits to these powers should exist."

Station 32 Director, Yvon Labelle, said he is leaving it up to the courts to decide whether Castelijns is guilty. He refused to disclose the identity of the two police officers or their rank.

"It's obvious that Mrs. Castelijns and my officer will have different versions as to what happened," Labelle said. "We know that we have enough to go on to justify a complaint in front of the courts. What happens after the prosecutor presents the evidence remains to be seen."

Weizfeld said his gallery has been the object of police harassment since July 1987, when police seized a photo of a woman's hand holding a man's penis from the gallery. The photo had been judged indecent.

Labelle said Weizfeld's charges are ridiculous because he has "other things to do than to harass people who expose a photo that we judge to be obscene," he said. "We have real criminals to go after."

Castelijns went to court on Wednesday, but her case was postponed until June 2 when Weizfeld would be available to testify. He is presently serving a 45-day jail term for charges relating to his two year outdoor stint in a peace camp on parliament hill.



Richard Embler

Homeless kicked off U of T campus

by John Futhey

TORONTO (CUP): The University of Toronto doesn't want the city's homeless keeping warm on its property.

Grounds workers constructed an iron fence around a heating grate at the University of Toronto's main arts and science building—a popular spot for homeless people—as a “desperation” move to correct a “bothersome” sanitation problem, said construction manager George Hutson.

Building, fabric and grounds manager Les Hubbard said the

condition of the grate was revolting before the barrier was constructed, in October 1987.

Hubbard said there's always room at the Salvation Army for those with no place to sleep. “(But they don't) carry on inside the same way they do outside.”

But Elaine Markovic, an office manager at the Scott Mission for the homeless, said there are thousands without homes in Toronto and some don't want to live inside.

“I understand the sanitation problem, but it's not an easy problem to solve. The heating grates of our large buildings are providing

comfort and life for many homeless.

“Every winter people freeze to death. It's not news,” Markovic said.

Walter Terry, a physical plant assistant manager, justified closing off the grate by saying it helps “native transients.” If the grate were to collapse, falling to the ground below would cause serious injury, he said.

“What we have done is remove a hazardous situation they were living under.”

Physical Plant's Hutson was adamant that something had to be done. “(It may seem like) a reverse humanitarian gesture, but there's only so much you can put up with.

“The place was full of fleas and ticks. (And there was) the smell of urine and defecation left behind, and the smell of the people themselves,” Hutson said.

Allan Irving, an associate professor in the faculty of social work, said the university's response to community problems should be discussed.

“Is there any response the university could make to the social problem in Toronto as an institution?” he asked. Removing support, however small, is mean-spirited, he added.

“It reflects badly on the university. We're saying ‘it's not our problem, it's somebody else's problem.’”

Eileen McIntyre, a professor in the faculty of social work, says the university should act as a responsible member of the community to provide other solutions to the homeless problem.

“In any official sense the university can't provide the homeless with (a place to go),” she said. “But members of the university community have to add our voices to the other voices.”

Student evicted after riot in UBC residence

by Mike Laanala

VANCOUVER (CUP): A riot in a University of British Columbia student residence provoked by final exam stress has led to at least one eviction.

The December 11 outburst in Walter Gage Towers, a three-building complex with 1400 tenants, began around 22h when a study-stressed student stuck his head out the window and shouted, “I can't take it anymore.”

Other students responded, and were soon banging pot lids and unravelling toilet paper streamers.

Students tossed their notes like confetti. A Christmas tree was offered by one floor and others joined in to create a fireworks display, according to one witness.

The ruckus continued for over one hour.

Residence life co-ordinator and student Rick Oliver said residents who threw dangerous objects—such as bottles—out of the windows of the three 17-storey residences would be fined \$50 and evicted. At least one student has already been thrown out, says Oliver, and two other evictions are pending.

“Three years ago the situation was really bad, with people throwing stuff out the windows all the time, so we brought in the automatic eviction policy, because it was just a matter of time before someone got badly injured,” he added.

Posters are offering \$50 rewards for information on violations.

In some cases administrators were able to pin down the apartment, but not the individual students responsible. The six apartment tenants were then given an

ultimatum to turn in the guilty student or face eviction of the entire apartment.

“It's a perversion of justice,” said one resident. “What they have done is reverse the onus, from their having to prove guilt, to the students in these situations having to prove their own innocence.”

“I doubt if [Housing] would evict a [whole apartment] if it came down to it,” said the student.

In 1974 an entire apartment was evicted after guests at their party threw beer bottles out the window.

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Student associations calm waves

by Chris Lawson

MONTREAL (CUP): Executives of Québec's and Canada's student federations took a major step towards co-operation last weekend, leaders of both groups say.

"There are a lot of questions to be answered, like do we want our own little Meech Lake," said Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) chair Beth Brown, "but these are questions for our members to decide."

Representatives from the Association nationale des étudiants et étudiantes du Québec (ANEEQ)

met with Brown and the rest of the CFS executive in Ottawa to calm political waves made when CFS members decided to recruit student associations in Québec.

"Historically, CFS has always recognized the right of Québec students to organize separately," said ANEEQ executive Stéphane Lessard.

But that policy fell off CFS books in 1987, and at their November congress, CFS members decided to accept Québec members.

Within days, an association representing about 4000 law, engineering, science and commerce students at the Université de Sher-

brooke applied for prospective membership with CFS.

Lessard said ANEEQ presented three options for CFS—to go ahead and recruit Québec members, to go back to their old hands-off policy or to make a deal with ANEEQ.

"Their membership had already voted to accept Québec members, and according to the executive, would not change their minds and just reject the (Université de Sherbrooke)," Lessard said.

Brown said forging ahead with Québec member recruitment was equally unpopular with both groups.

Lessard said it would put the two

federations in competition with each other.

"On our part, because we won't tolerate this, we would do all we could to ensure that no Québec associations joined CFS," he said. "It's not a declaration of war, but it's a way of saying to CFS that they can do what they want, but there are consequences."

"It wouldn't benefit either ANEEQ or CFS, it would just divide the student movement again," he added.

Instead, ANEEQ proposed an arrangement between the two groups where Québec student associations already in ANEEQ could

join CFS for no extra charge. But associations would have to join ANEEQ to join CFS.

Lessard said most Québec students, used to paying only \$1 per year to belong to ANEEQ would be unwilling, and unable to pay the \$4 per year CFS fee in addition.

"There are still a few details to be worked out, but I think in principle, the idea was acceptable."

Brown said the two groups would discuss the idea amongst themselves before coming to any agreement.

"I feel a lot better about the issue after the meeting," she said.

Women smokers at greater risk, study shows

by Mark England

SASKATOON (CUP): Women may be more susceptible than men to the adverse affects of smoking, a University of Saskatchewan study reveals.

The study found comparable lung problems in groups of 272 men and 103 women, even though the women smoked only about half as much as the men.

Project co-ordinator Dr. Helen McDuffie had two explanations. Some types of lung tumors grow faster in the presence of estrogen, she said, and women have more estrogen in their bodies than men do. As well, women generally have fewer cells in their lungs since they are, on average, physically smaller than men.

"These pulmonary problems may be biological mechanisms by which women develop lung cancer earlier than men even though they smoke less," McDuffie said.

McDuffie, of the Centre for Agricultural Medicine at the Univer-

sity of Saskatchewan, said the study confirmed the results of an earlier questionnaire which found that women developed primary lung cancer earlier than men even if women smoked less.

But Dr. Don Wigle of the Laboratory Centre for Disease Control, a department of Health and Welfare Canada, was skeptical of the project's findings.

"It's only in the last few years

that women have smoked long enough to even begin doing such a comparison."

Women, he said, didn't really take up smoking until the Second World War and its effects were not

seen until the mid-1960s. The incidence of lung cancer in women has since skyrocketed.

Both Wigle and McDuffie agree that lung cancer among women is increasing at an alarming rate.

"The incidence of lung cancer among Canadian women has risen steeply, even though, more than men, they tend to smoke filter and low-tar filter cigarettes. Their widespread use by women smokers has therefore not been a sufficient response to the dangers of smoking," said McDuffie.

"What's more," added Wigle, "women have more problems quitting smoking than do men."

The study also reveals that five-year survival statistics for patients with primary lung cancer indicate virtually identical male and female death rates in the first six months after diagnosis. But beyond that, a slightly lower death rate persists for women.

Co-researchers on the project with McDuffie were Dr. James Dosman, director of the Centre for Agricultural Medicine at the U of S, and Dr. David Klaassen, director of the British Columbia Cancer Control Agency.



Education in Ontario pricey

by Cathy Majtenyi

TORONTO (CUP): An Ontario student lobby group says next year's 7.5 per cent tuition increase is the start of a dangerous trend in funding for post secondary education.

"You have to look at the context of the larger picture of accessibility," said Duncan Ivison, researcher for the Ontario Federation of Students. "They (the government) are starting on a trend that tuition will increase above inflation."

"It's a large increase when you take into account that (Ontario) tuition has never been raised above inflation (in recent years)," he added.

An undergraduate arts student in Ontario will have to pay an average of \$1518 per five-course year, an

increase of \$107.

Along with a tuition fee hike, the Ministry of Colleges and Universities announced a 7.5 per cent increase in grants. They will total \$1.67 billion for next year. Tuition fee and operating grant increases are usually connected.

Ministry officials say students should take more responsibility for funding their education, because students benefit from the increase in operating grants.

"It's fair to have them (students) pay the same percentage as the increase in operating grants," said James Mackie, operating grants co-ordinator for the ministry.

But critics say the actual operating grant hike is about 4 per cent, with the rest of the money designated as 'catch-up' funds for previ-

ous underfunding and unexpectedly high enrolment.

Next year's tuition fees will contribute 18 per cent, or about \$30 million to Ontario universities' total funding. The ministry provides 80 per cent of the funds. The remaining two per cent comes from private donations.

William Sayers, communications director for the Council of Ontario Universities, a lobby group, said the increase should be manageable for most students.

"I find it hard to believe that an increase of that order would be a disincentive for a student to continue," he said.

Mackie said the student loan program would probably be increased, but as yet no official announcement has been made.

Tuition fees have doubled and sometimes tripled at Canadian universities over the past 10 years, according to a recent Statistics Canada survey. The Consumer Price Index has risen by only 93 per cent in the past decade.

Only Québec has avoided the inflationary trend, where tuition fees were frozen in 1969.

Upon the release of the Statistics Canada report, Rob Clift, chair of the Pacific region of the Canadian Federation of Students, said students "have been squeezed too much already."

And while tuition fees continue to increase, the students' ability to make money hasn't. "Wages are just not going up enough to allow students to earn enough money," said Clift.

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Comment

Israel caught up in semantic play

The irony of right-wing chauvinism in Israel is that it comes at a time when conditions for peace in the Middle East have never been more promising. At the same time as Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir feeds the bushfires of chauvinism by telling Jewish settlers in the occupied territories he considers the West Bank part of Israel, PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat announces he "accepted the existence of Israel," and condemns "terrorism in all its forms."

Israeli army Chief of Staff Dan Shomron recently told the parliament's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that Palestinian groups under Arafat's control "have in practice halted hostile operations and also halted preparations for operations" since November.

The official line is that Shamir disagrees with Shomron's assessment, but, of course, he has no evidence to support his allegations. "I believe his statements were superfluous," Shamir rages instead, monomaniacally denouncing PLO moderation as a "publicity stunt" and a "charade."

Both Labor and Likud cringe at the possibility of PLO moderation or negotiations for a Palestinian homeland. "The merest hint that negotiations might be possible causes panic among Herut [Shamir's party] and its allies," says Yehoshaphat Harkabi, a former chief of Israeli intelligence.

The problem, of course, is that Palestinian moderation might lead to the loss of the occupied territories, which provide over one billion dollars a year in revenue for Israel and one-third of its water. Arabs also provide dirt cheap labour on the model of South Africa's bantustans, although, unlike under apartheid, Israeli laws do not permit the Arab workers to spend nights within Israel, forcing some to travel 400 km or more each day to reach the workplace.

Despite the unprecedented optimism resulting from US recognition of the PLO, the Israeli line is getting tougher. Last week, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin stepped up army repression in the occupied territories to end the fourteen month long Intifada.

The reasoning that allows Palestinians to be assaulted by the world's fourth most powerful army, exploited for their labour, denied equality under the law and basic human rights, is based on sand—the particles of racism. Like a fist or a hammer, racism crushes hopes for peace and smashes lives.

"If you catch a small child, get out the whole family, line them up and beat the father before all his children. Don't consider the beating a right; it is your duty—they [Arabs] do not understand any other way," wrote one Israeli soldier in the journal *Ma'ariv*, explaining the mechanics of the "collective punishment" of curfew violators.

While Palestinians condemn terrorism, a "political ideology of violence" is sweeping Israel, says Amnon Rubinstein, former Dean of Tel Aviv Law School. While some view this as a reasonable reaction to perceived Arab hostility, military experts (even in Israel) concede that the popular David and Goliath image is misleading given the unrivalled strength of Israel's army.

Even Arafat's peace overtures have not diffused the political ideology of violence that is characteristic of Israel's foreign policy. The glue of this ideology is clearly unwarranted fear and racism.

Arabs are "a people like a donkey," according to Yedidia Segal of the journal of West Bank settlers, *Nekudah*. And donkeys plainly have no need for their own nation, or schools, or trade unions, or newspapers, or rights—these may all be crushed.

Increasingly, Jewish Israelis, unhappy with the slow workings of "collective punishment," speak of the expulsion or "transfer" of Arabs from Israel and the occupied territories as a kind of final solution. Recent polls show that 40 per cent of Israelis support such a 'solution'.

In contrast, Palestinians have embraced maturity by agreeing to live peaceably alongside their neighbours. Israel has yet to act in kind.

With all the semantic fuss over Arafat's recent statements, the central question has been ignored. Is Israel ready for peace?

Alex Roslin



Israeli soldiers patrol the Occupied Territories.

Hyde Park

Armenian fundraiser a success

The McGill Armenian Students' Association would like to thank our university, its students and staff for their generous support during the fundraising campaign which occurred on December 14, 15, 16 and 19, 1988, after the devastating earthquake in Armenia.

Tables were set up at various locations on campus: Bronfman Building, McLennan Library, McConnell Engineering, Union Building, and McIntyre Medical Sciences Building. Despite the relative isolation of the University due to exams, \$300 000 were raised in just four days.

We would like to express our thanks to the many volunteers who sat at the tables despite their exams, to the administrations of the buildings used in that effort, and finally to the generous donors for their much needed contributions which were delivered to the Armenian Relief Fund.

Mr. George Foster, a rescue worker who recently came back from Armenia, will be on campus to speak to all interested students about the rescue operation and the situation in Armenia on January 20th at 18h00 in Leacock 26.

McGill Armenian Students' Association

Letters

Case for God not so evil

To the Daily:

The coverage given Wednesday's debate, "Does God Exist?", was extremely biased and hardly constitutes a fair analysis.

Callier Mr. Horner's discussion "childish rhetoric", and Prof. Deslauriers's discussion "cool analysis", severely misrepresents the actual situation.

Mr. Horner's presentation was practised, well thought out, and very professional (not surprising considering that he makes a career of this sort of thing). The arguments

he presented were clear and easy to follow, despite their being unsound.

Prof. Deslauriers was, by contrast, difficult to follow; often drifting off at the end of a rebuttal, and only a familiarity with the arguments she presented allowed me to see the conclusion which she had such difficulty elucidating.

Faced by Mr. Horner's obvious conviction and practised arguments, Prof. Deslauriers's presentation was not as convincing, nor as cool as was portrayed by *The Daily*.

Mr. Horner's presentation was, however, riddled with fallacies—just as stated.

Eric Smiley
Engineering, U1

God would have been proud

To the Daily:

I would like to criticize Zeb Brown and Mitu Sengupta for distorting what had been an intellectually stimulating debate into something resembling World Wrestling Federation Night at the Forum ("Chewing the fatted calf over that God thing," *The Daily*, January 19). The reportage of Professor Deslauriers's and Mr. Horner's debate was handled with all the objectivity of a *Journal de Montréal* review of 'les Canadiens'.

At no point during the debate was I aware of any "finger-pointing" continued on page 6

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Authoritarian roots take hold in students and society

Growing conservatism among university students, the Trudeau government's response to the FLQ and the Nazi ascension to power in Germany enjoy more in common than their reactionary roots. All three reflect a widespread willingness to submit to the dictates of authority without question—an alarming tendency which is today on the rise.

by **Donne Flanagan**
Canadian University Press

Bob Altmeyer, a University of Manitoba psychology professor, has studied people's attitudes towards authority for 15 years and doesn't much like what he sees.

Altmeyer sees a disturbing tendency among a variety of societies to accept authoritarianism as a legitimate source of 'law and order'. Drawing parallels between Germany of the 1930s and Canada in 1970, Altmeyer argues that people welcome the decree from above all too readily.

In October 1970 the Front de libération du Québec, a revolutionary separatist organisation kidnapped Pierre Laporte, a Québec cabinet minister (whom they later killed), and James Cross, a low-ranking British official, demanding the release of 50 political prisoners. When police couldn't find the FLQ after a week, the Trudeau cabinet invoked the War Measures Act.

"(It gave the government) the same powers as Hitler got. Canadians lost all civil liberties... (And) the vast majority of Canadians approved," says Altmeyer.

"In times of apparent national crisis it is pretty easy to get people to give up their rights if the government says it's best."

Altmeyer reluctantly admits that during the October crisis he too approved of the government's actions, "just like 90 per cent of the population."

his newly-released book, *Enemies of Freedom: Understanding Right-Wing Authoritarianism*.

Over the past 15 years Altmeyer has tested the attitudes of students at the University of Manitoba towards authority. Not only do students readily submit to power, but this tendency is getting stronger. Between 1973 and 1988 students' average scores on Altmeyer's scale have risen 20 per cent.

Altmeyer distributed questionnaires asking students to decide whether or not to obey an official source of authority on issues such as censorship, sex or crime.

One of Altmeyer's students gave a similar to armed forces recruits at a basic training camp in Nova Scotia in 1977.

In that study, researchers found that 76 per cent of Canadian soldiers interviewed said they would obey if ordered by the Prime Minister to close down the House of Commons and suspend civil liberties.

In such a situation, more than 90 per cent of the soldiers also said they would arrest MPs trying to break into the Parliament and 63 per cent said they would shoot demonstrators who refuse to disperse.

Altmeyer defines authoritarianism by three criteria. The first is the willingness to submit to established authority. The second is believing and following the norms and conventions in society, because one believes them to be right.

"But the most frightening for me is the

made him value personal rights and freedoms. Self-described of poor "hillbilly stock" from the mid-western United States, his family's poverty caused him to be independent and wary of threats to his freedom. "I get spiny when people tell me what to do... (So) I want to find out why people would give up their freedom," he says.

The causes of people's blind acceptance of authority are obviously complex, but Altmeyer says they boil down to an individual's experiences of authority and how it has affected them personally.

If, for example, in high school you saw fellow students punished too severely for their actions you might have seen this as an injustice and begin to question authority in your life—especially if you were on the receiving end of the punishment.

"On the other hand," says Altmeyer, "if you never see that injustice, you might have a rosy view of authority."

THE RATIONAL AUTHORITARIAN

Varied personal experiences affect people's attitudes towards the status quo in more ways than one, says Altmeyer. "As a whole, authoritarians don't like homosexuality."

But when asked if they know any lesbians or gay men, very often they will say they don't—but statistically this claim is unlikely—gay women and men constitute about 10 per cent of the population. If they get to know gays and lesbians, says Altmeyer, the experience lessens their hostility.

Altmeyer found similar results when testing students' sexual attitudes. Individuals with a low tolerance for authority tended to have had at least two or three sexual partners by the age of 18 or 19.

When the discussion turns to sex, the authoritarian's defining characteristic emerges—hypocrisy. While authoritarian men often believe premarital sex is wrong, they do not practice celibacy. The women tend to not have premarital sex but the males, says Altmeyer, are "just as big a set of tomcats as the low (authoritarian) males and females."

According to Altmeyer, authoritarian

personalities spend a lifetime rationalizing double standards.

To many this finding comes as no surprise, it has been suspected for a long time. This is especially true of artists and writers, says Altmeyer, citing the likes of Faulkner and Tennessee Williams, and even Gary Trudeau's *Doonesbury* comic strip.

According to University of Winnipeg statistics professor Alexander Basilevsky, it is only common sense.

"(Altmeyer's) results make sense... authoritarianism is based on fear and insecurity," he says. And feelings of fear and insecurity can explain many of the authoritarian's actions.

But Basilevsky doesn't think authoritarianism can be addressed on this type of experimental basis. "It's like acid rain. You couldn't come to conclusions on the effects from the basis of experimentation."

Basilevsky concedes that Altmeyer's research has resulted in a yardstick by which to measure authoritarianism. So, Altmeyer has come up with the answer to "What is authoritarianism?" As Basilevsky points out, it would be more interesting to find out "why" it is.

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But all this work and worry about authoritarianism. Is it so bad? Aren't there any good things to say about it? Perhaps, says Altmeyer. After all, Adolf Hitler did build the Autobahn.

"We may want trains to run on time, but authoritarians put the damndest things on them—like Jews to Auschwitz."

Research found that 76 per cent of Canadian soldiers would obey if ordered by the Prime Minister to close down the House of Commons and suspend civil liberties— 63 per cent said they would shoot demonstrators who refuse to disperse.

He adds that the only difference between Hitler's rule and the implementation of the War Measures Act were the endings—Trudeau restored civil liberties, Hitler never gave them another thought.

According to Altmeyer, history is full of such instances of authoritarianism gone awry. During Vietnam, the American civil rights movement, Kent State, My Lai, the Chicago Democratic convention, were all cases of unconscionable authoritarianism.

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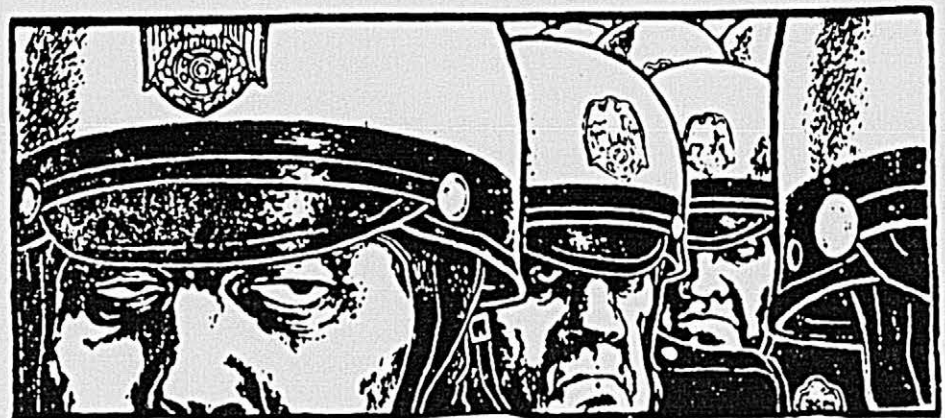
History has shown it is all too easy for a government to suspend civil liberties without substantial opposition. Over the past 15 years, Altmeyer has been conducting research to discover just why people are so willing to accept such impingements on their freedom. The results of his examination are included in

aggression—open hostility to a group singled out by authority. Like Jews under the Nazis—or now in Guatemala and Pinochet in Chile," says Altmeyer.

Altmeyer has also discovered a connection between political affiliation and authoritarian attitudes—PC supporters tend towards high authoritarian scores, NDPers tend to score low, with Liberals in the middle. But the relation is weak.

"In countries like the Soviet Union right now, the authoritarians are the hard line doctrinary communists... people resisting Gorbachev's reforms of perestroika and glasnost would tend to be most authoritarian and status quo oriented. People who want to reform and change the system, I would bet, would be less inclined toward authoritarianism," he says.

His life experiences, Altmeyer says, have



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often discriminated against. They often do not know their rights, nor what can be done. They are often given inadequate housing, with poor heating or plumbing."

Garner said 24 per cent of ethnic minorities looking for housing experience some form of racial discrimination.

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and aggressive bickering." On the contrary, the tone was set (and subsequently adhered to) with Professor Deslauriers's desire of "intellectual argumentation rather than confrontation."

Mr. Horner's arguments were decidedly sound, and all of his propositions seemed meritable (perhaps Brown and Sengupta would accuse Aquinas and Leibniz of "crackerball philosophy" as well?). Or, did the writers even bother consulting the work of Alvin Plantinga (available in the McLennan Library) which serves as the basis for Mr. Horner's most interesting and novel version of the cosmological argument? Accusations of "unexplained scientific jargon touched with fire and brimstone" should not be made so hastily.

To Mr. Horner's credit, the only hint at evangelical persuasion came after the debate, and was tactfully made so as not to influence the debate in the least.

Finally, the one-sided journalism manifest in this piece did poor justice to Professor Deslauriers's commendable rebuttal. Contrary to *The Daily's* allegations, Mr. Horner's opening presentation was of a superlative calibre (which, I felt, would be difficult to match). Whether Professor Deslauriers was indeed the "clear winner of the debate," her argumentation should be commended for having successfully countered Mr. Horner's points, and for elevating the discussion to an even more stimulating level. Her arguments might have been "slightly too technical" for our unfortunate journalists, but not, in my opinion, relative to the format of the discussion.

Professor Deslauriers should be lauded for having withstood the challenge of a most worthy and experienced debator, in Michael Horner.

George Sopel
Political Science, U1

Free the Anglophones

To the Daily:

The beauty of a free society is that everybody's rights can be respected solely by the negative obligation not to interfere with the rights of others. People can, and have, lived together harmoniously by voluntary, uncoerced, individual choice.

Perhaps Eric Smith's life ends at "the front window of his... home", but for many of us work is an inte-

gral part of our being. It is an aspect of our lives which, as much as any other aspect, is worthy of protection and freedom by virtue of our having a right to our own lives—a right to refuse to be enslaved by the moral, self-righteous whims of others.

After an inane slur about the "fur-laden gentry" at the Westmount meeting, Eric tells us "The dangerous assumption underlying this argument is the equation of the business with the individual so that the enterprise gets the same rights as the person."

Besides a poor analogy to the regulation of an industry which is responsible for 100s of millions of deaths, we are given no hint as to why, or to whom, such an assumption is "dangerous". Anyone who has ever watched the news on T.V., or has been a member of Amnesty International—all enterprises—quickly sees the perversity of Eric's "insight".

It is interesting to ask oneself, why do the French have these special rights, and not the Chinese, Greeks or any other ethnic minority? What distinguishes the French from the other cultural groups is that they predate, and outnumber, the others. Bill 178 is simply the "grown-up version" of that gem of an argument: "Our gang is bigger than yours, and we were here first, so shut-up or we'll bash your teeth in."

The leaders of Québec not so long ago asked the people to stay on the farm and read the bible to preserve "French culture". Their intellectual heirs, with slightly more audacity, are now asking you to countenance petty-fascism to save the "French culture". Eric Smith buys it—do you?

David Steinberg

To the Daily:

Committee 178 was founded to have Bill 178 repealed and in addition, is firmly opposed to inappropriate usage of the notwithstanding clause. What many people do not realize is that this organization is not an anti-francophone movement nor is its creation an expression of anger toward unilingually French signs but rather it has as its goal the protection of the rights of every single individual living in Québec.

Bill 178 is discriminatory because it allows for bilingual signs only inside stores and only where necessary. Chain stores must have unilingually French signs only and the government has even stated that they are not against any other language appearing with French on signs as long as it is not English. We do not want to force all merchants to display bilingual signs, we simply want them to have the choice to do so if they wish.

The notwithstanding clause allows Mr. Bourassa to overturn or reconstruct any law to suit his needs. More importantly this restructuring cannot be challenged for five years. This is equivalent to living under the War Measures Act as the clause may be implemented for any purpose—not just a linguistic one. The clause was designed to be used for the public good in times

of crisis such as a war or an epidemic. Based on this it is quite obvious that our Premier is guilty of abuse of power.

Committee 178 is a non-violent organization that encourages and receives both anglophone and francophone support. When Supreme Court decisions are no longer respected and politicians have final say on what is legal or illegal it becomes the responsibility of all Québécois to join together and protest the government's actions.

Perhaps if Eric Smith (editorial and report of January 11) had bothered to speak with any of the committee members present at Sunday's meeting he would have been able to write a more objective and intelligent report. At least he would have spelled our committee founder's last name properly.

April Nowell
Anthropology, U1

101 is right on

To The Daily:

As an anglophone in this province I feel I must air a view that we

are not all paranoid. I am sick and tired of whining anglophones who falsely believe their individual human rights have been stripped from them.

First of all, commercial signs should not be elevated to the avenue of freedom of expression. Cigarette advertising has been restricted, should not this be called an infringement of human rights?—let's be serious. Commercial signs being raised to the level of human rights is a sad sign of the 1980's.

I would like to believe Canada is bilingual, but let's be honest—we are a unilingual country—Québec is French, the rest of Canada is English (with the possible exception of New Brunswick). Having been raised in Calgary, I know first hand that Québec is cons ahead of Alberta with regards to minority language rights. Why, then, should Québec be asked to carry the bilingual torch when so many other provinces lack the willingness to do so.

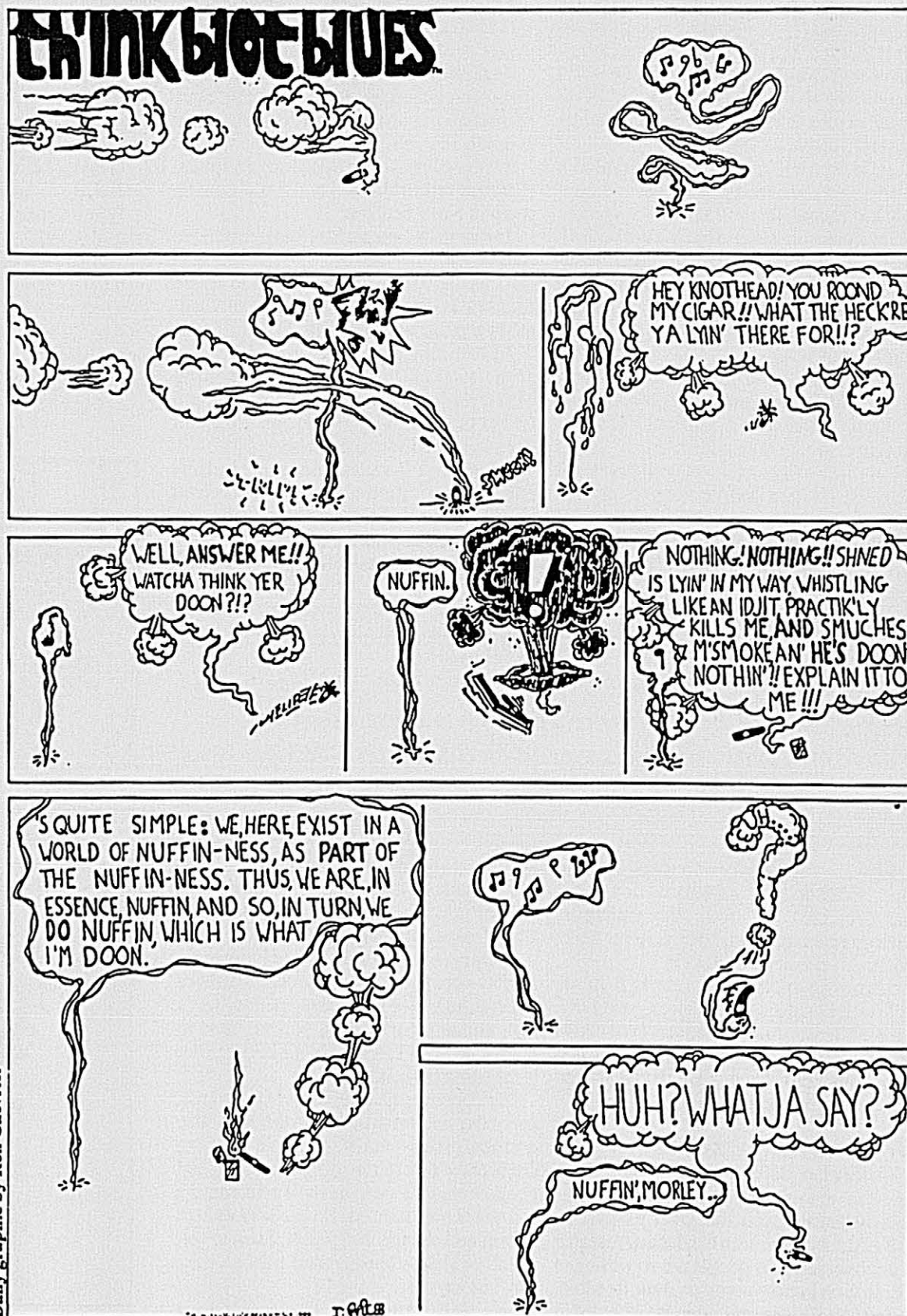
As a teacher who worked in Zimbabwe for three years, I was appalled by the recent reference to

the Québec government acting in the same vein as South Africa. The only similarity I can see between Southern Africa and Québec is the old Rhodes (white Rhodesians) and old-time anglophones, both living in the past and not trying to grasp the realities of the present. Both can be referred to as "when-we" (when we were in power). The two groups never seem to change, using simple arguments and old tales about how it was so much more fair and just "when-we" were at the helm.

Lastly, the use of the notwithstanding clause is perfectly justified, both legally and morally. Québec has every right to try and protect the largest distinct culture in Canada. Robert Bourassa was only exercising the legal channels open to him. Bill 178 is a half-hearted sell out. I believe he should have used the full extent of the law and kept Bill 101 intact.

Ne touchez pas à la Loi 101.

James MacKinnon



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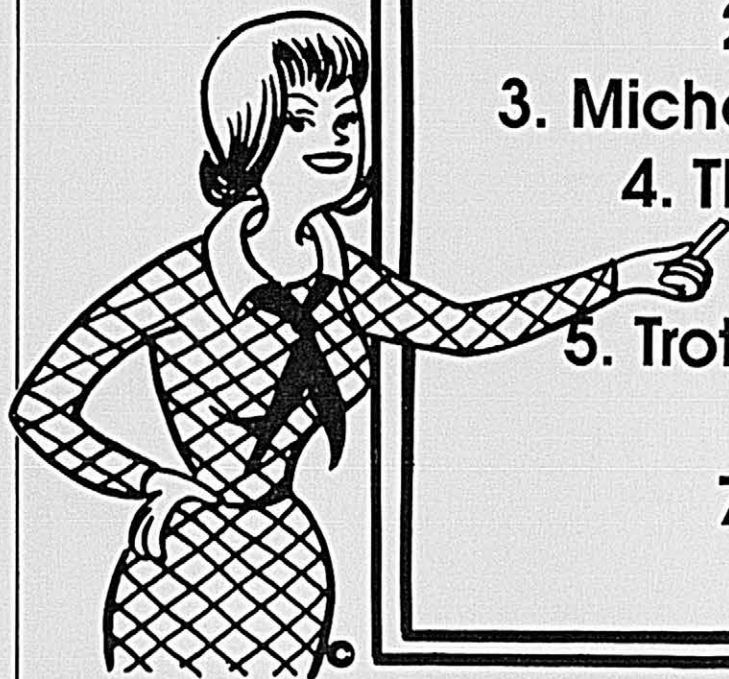
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